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SUBJECT: ITU: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF SAN MARINO

REFERENCE: GENEVA 8976, FLORENCE 686 AND 631

1. U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT APPLICATION BY
REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO FOR ITU MEMBERSHIP AND WILL MAKE
KNOWN OUR SUPPORT WHERE FEASIBLE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. WHILE LITTLE OR NO OPPOSITION TO
SAN MARINO IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE ITU, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
A TWO-THIRDS POSITIVE VOTE OF ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBER STATES
DOES REQUIRE A CERTAIN GEARING UP OF THE BUREAUCRATIC
PROCESS IN MANY FOREIGN CAPITALS.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED:

---A. GENEVA: (1) INFORM ITU SECRETARY GENERAL MILI THAT
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY APPROVES
WITH PLEASURE THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.
REFER TO HIS CIRCULAR AIRGRAM CTITU A-96 OF NOVEMBER 1,
1976.

(2) INFORM OTHER GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA
AS APPROPRIATE OF USG SUPPORT AND GENTLY URGE A GET-OUT-
THE-VOTE ATTITUDE TO ENSURE ENOUGH POSITIVE RESPONSES TO
OVERCOME BUREAUCRATIC INERTIA. THE GATHERING OF HUNDREDS
OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES AT THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC) FOR PLANNING OF THE BROADCAST
SATELLITE SERVICE BEGINNING JANUARY 10 SHOULD OFFER MANY
OPPORTUNITIES FOR TIMELY REMINDERS.

---B. FLORENCE: INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER GHIRONZI THAT
WE HAVE OFFICIALLY INSTRUCTED MISSION GENEVA TO CAST A
FAVORABLE VOTE WITH THE ITU ON SAN MARINO'S APPLICATION
AND WILL URGE OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE.
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